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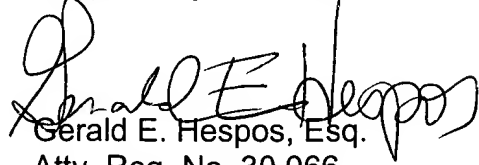
Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies several nonpatent publications. Copies of the publications are attached. The Rogowski work illustrates various types of butt joints. All butt joints shown in Rogowski have the two connected members extending at right angles to one another. Thus, one axial end edge is secured against a side edge of the other member adjacent to but not contacting the axial end edge of the other member. Feirer shows similar butt joints. The dentistry publications describe butt joints that are use to mount a ceramic crown on a tooth. The ceramic crown has an open generally tubular bottom end. The tooth is configured so that a central portion of the tooth will telescope into the open bottom end of the crown.



The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the Examination and to make the references of record.

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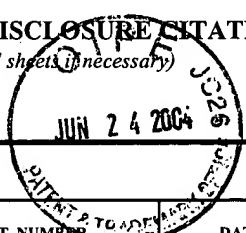
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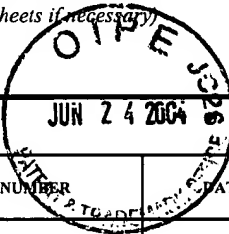
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OTHER DOCUMENTS		<i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>
		"The Complete Illustrated Guide to Joinery" by Gary Rogowski, Section 10 Butt Joints
		"Butt joint versus bellevued gold margin in metal-ceramic crowns" J.W. McLean and A.D. Wilson

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		Fundametals of Fixed Prosthodontics "Chapter 9 Principles of Tooth Preparations" Pages 119-131
		"Cabinetmaking and Millwork" John L. Feirer

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